



Town of Wyoming  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Wyoming Town Annex  
October 6, 2014  
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE: Mayor Rife lead the Pledge of Allegiance

SILENCE: Mayor Rife lead in a Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jaci Stokes, Treasurer Kyle Dixon, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Richard Snyder, PFC Michael Petyo – Chief Martin Willey arrived late in the meeting.

Audience attending: Glenn Neese and Fred Jester from the Fire Company, Ron Degano, Paul Cable, Joyce Stockslager, Mike Marasco, Sheryl Ford, Phyllis Brooks Collins

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was stated that a correction needed to be made to the agenda. The previous meeting minute dates listed on the agenda do not match the dates on the minutes. After some research it was found that the agenda stating September 8, 2014 was correct. The minutes themselves were dated September 3, 2014 and that was incorrect. The minutes will be corrected. The meeting on September 27, 2014 was listed as September 29, 2014 on the agenda so that was corrected. *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept the agenda as corrected. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Rife stated that the Layton Ave. project should be completed next week. We are only waiting on Chesapeake Utilities and Delmarva Power to run their lines for hook-up. No housing for the pump will be needed after all as the equipment is self-contained, saving the town some money. Some discussion ensued referencing the pipe that runs across the street from Mrs. Rankin's house. It appears that the pipe is still blocked. Council asked that Lew look into this.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Rife attended the Delaware League of Local Governments dinner meeting in September along with Town Clerk Pam Haddick, Secretary Jaci Stokes and Insurance Liason Georgette Williams. The new director of DNREC was the speaker.
- We received a quote from CWSWA to repair the storm drains on Southern Boulevard that are sinking and we have sent it to Representative Blakey asking for funding.
- Representative Blakey has given us the funding to resurface the remainder of Chambers Alley and all of Pearce Alley. Discussion ensued. The work should be done this week or next.
- All the paperwork on the Harrison Avenue properties that the Town Council approved the lot line changes on has now been completed and they are able to move forward with the sale of the lots.

CORRESPONDENCE – Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

## ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept the previous meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports. He also stated that landlord, business and outside contractor license fees are coming in. Most of our tax revenue money is also in. *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

## FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Jester gave the Fire Company report. The EMT crews responded to 193 medical calls this month and Fire and Rescue responded to 32 alarms. On-the-road time for the fire apparatus was 10.7 hours; average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 7; average calls per day were 8.
- Please check out the website for up-to-date information at CWFC41.com.
- Bingo is still every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

## C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- No one was present to give a report.

## PLANNING & ZONING

- Phyllis Collins stated that at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting only 3 members were present and no council members so they tabled the planned discussions on the Land Use and Development Code until October in the hopes that everyone would be present and hopefully some of the council as well. She shared with those present what was spoken about at the September 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

## BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder stated that we had to get some estimates on the demolition of the pool at 105 N. Layton Avenue. We will contact the CWSWA again and Tricks of the Trade.

- There is a ditch by Chris Hubbard's house that belongs to Joe Jenkins. We do not think it is part of the tax ditch but will contact Carlton Fifer to check. It needs to be cleaned out so that the water doesn't back up into Mr. Hubbard's yard.

#### PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Witt stated that the part-time guy will be with us for three more weeks; then he will be done for the season.
- Port-a-potty will be delivered to the park around November 1<sup>st</sup>. Then Lew can close down the bathrooms and winterize them.
- Lew needs a new chain saw and has found one that costs about \$180.00. Council agreed that he should go ahead and get it.
- A snow blower was in the budget for this year so Lew needs to go ahead and find one and buy it so we have it when we need it.
- Lew's truck needs new tires before winter. They should run around \$560.00.

#### POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey was not in attendance at this time so PFC Petyo gave the police report. He did not have the data to give the report the chief normally does but he gave a brief overview of what has been going on in the department this month. He said the new officer is doing really well and he feels he is ready to be on the road on his own.

ANNEXATION – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Fall Festival – Mayor Rife asked for volunteers for the Fall Festival which will be held at the Wyoming Park on Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. As in the past we will have hot dogs and pizza, juice and candy, and this year we will also try to have some non-sugary treats for the children as well. Any ideas are welcome. Mr. Dixon suggested maybe getting the drama club from the high school involved in future years. It is probably too late to get them for this year. A moon bounce was considered. We could give out tickets to the children for a certain period of time and you need a ticket to get in. That way the same children can't keep going in over and over.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Tentative schedule of meetings. Please check with Town Hall for any changes or cancellations.

- Town Council Meeting – 11/3/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 10/14/14, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 10/14/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex

COUNCIL COMMENTS – None

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Joyce Stockslager asked about the house on the corner of Third Street and Railroad Avenue. It is vacant and needs a lot of repairs. The garage is about to fall down. Apparently it is listed on Realtors.com. We will look into it.
- Sheryl Ford stated that there are a lot of feral cats living in and around the vacant house at 120 S. Layton Avenue. To our knowledge the house is still in probate and we do not know who to contact with any issues there may be.

- Ron Degano questioned the park being closed off for vehicles. Handicapped people either in wheelchairs or with walkers have a hard time getting from the road to the pavilion. The park needs walkways to help with this situation. We talked about the grant we hope to get next year to make the bathrooms ADA compliant. That grant should also include walkways from the road to the bathrooms and from the bathrooms to the pavilion.
- Mr. Cable complained about a branch hanging over the street between #39 and #35 Front Street. Lew will look at it to see if he can trim it.
- Mr. Cable also stated he agrees that the Town of Wyoming needs some kind of vacant building ordinance. He lives next door to the house that burned on Front Street last month.
- Mr. Marasco questioned the status of the 6 N. Railroad Avenue property. An Order to Repair has been sent to the property owner. He has paid up all his taxes so is eligible to get a building permit. He has 35 days from the date of the Order to begin working on the property and 90 days from that date to complete it or the Town can send an Order to Demolish, and if the owner does not comply to that, the Town of Wyoming can hire someone to go in and demolish the building. We can then put the fees for the demolition as a lien against the property. Mr. Marasco asked if this would be revisited in December and he was told "yes."
- Mr. Marasco also asked why all businesses in town didn't have the opportunity to help with the Fall Festival, not just Witt's Market and Hall's Restaurant. He suggested mailing letters requesting donations from all businesses. We will at least put something in the newsletter and mail letters if we have time.
- Chief Willey stated that he has received an approval letter back from Del-DOT on the one-way streets.
- Sheryl Ford asked when the one-way streets will happen. Chief Willey said he is aiming for January 1<sup>st</sup>. We have to get signage ordered and up to announce it for a while before it actually happens. He thinks January 1<sup>st</sup> is a good date.

*Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to adjourn. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela B. Haddick, Town Clerk